

[John Brennan]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Wilbur Cummings ADDRESS Grand Island, Neb.

DATE Nov. 15, 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant John Brennan, Wood River, Nebr.
2. Date and time of interview Nov. 15, 1938 10:00 o'clock AM.
3. Place of interview At the farm home one mile west of Wood River
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant Col. J. W. O'Brian, Wood River, Nebraska.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. House average farm home, exceptionally clean but modestly furnished, out buildings in bad state of repair. Interview took place in the kitchen which was quite large which also serves as the living room.

FORM B Personal History of Informant

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1. Ancestry Irish
2. Place and date of birth Wood River, March 25, 1883
3. Family Direct decendent of the early pioneers and homesteaders of Hall Co. and Wood River vicinity.
4. Place lived in, with dates Born and raised in Hall Co.
5. Education, with dates Attended school to the 5th grade or rather the fifth reader as there were no grades at that time.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Farmer
7. Special skills and interests None
8. [Communitith?] and religious activities Catholic
9. Description of informant Quiet but very pleasant and obliging, require more than one interview to obtain any great amount of information
10. Other points gained in interview Name and address of other informants also old Irish [ballads?] with music. Will also gather some of the Irish legends and omens.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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KILLARNEY 1. By [Killarney's?] lakes and falls, [Em'ralds]? isles and winding bays,
Mountain paths and woodland doll's dolls [Mem'ry?] over fondly strays. Bounteous nature
loves all lands; Beauty wanders ev'ry where, Footprints leaves on many strands, But
her home is surely there! Angels fold their wings and [feet]? In that Eden of the west.
Beauty's home Killarney, Ever fair Killarney. 2. Inn as fallen's rui'd shrine, May suggest a
passing sigh, But man's faith can ne'er decline, [Such?] God's wonders floating by Cattle
Long and Glena Bay Mountains [Tore] and Eagles nest Still at [Mucrouse?] you must pray
Through the monks are now at rest Angels wonder not at [man?] There would fain prolong
lif's span Beauty's home Killarney, Ever fair Killarney. 3. No place else can charm the
eye With such bright and varied tints Ev'ry rock that you pass by Verdure [broiders?] or
[besprints?] [Virginia?] there the green grass grows Ev'ry morn [Spring's natal?] day Bright
hued berries [daff?] the snows Smiling winter's frown away Angles often pausing there
Doubt if Eden were more fair Beautiful Home Killarney, ever fair Killarney 4. Music there
for [Echo?] dwells Makes each sound a harmony Many voic'd the chorus swells Till it
faints in extacy With the charming tints below Seems the heav'n above to [vie?] All rich
colors that we know [Tinge?] the cloud wreath in that sky Wings of Angels so might shine
Glancing back soft light divine Beauty's home Killarney, Ever Killarney.